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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session

Draft report

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Chapter ____. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 14 March 2003. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-sixth session of the Commission, Othman Jerandi (Tunisia), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ___ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, in which the Council recommended that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve for a term of office of two years, the following officers elected at the forty-sixth session continued to serve during the forty-seventh session:

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Chairperson:
Othman Jerandi (Tunisia)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Fernando Estellita Lins de Salvo Coimbra (Brazil)
Lala Ibrahimova (Azerbaijan) (who also served as Rapporteur)
Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea)
Birgit Stevens (Belgium)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2003/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Review of gender mainstreaming in entities of the United Nations system;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
      (i) Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women;
      (ii) Women's human rights and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls as defined in the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

6. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of

women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed:

Astanah Abdul Aziz (Malaysia)

Alberto Pedro D'Alotto (Argentina)

Andrej Dogan (Croatia)

Peter Derrek Hof (Netherlands)

Edith Nkunduwiga (Burundi)

7. The working group held ____ meetings.